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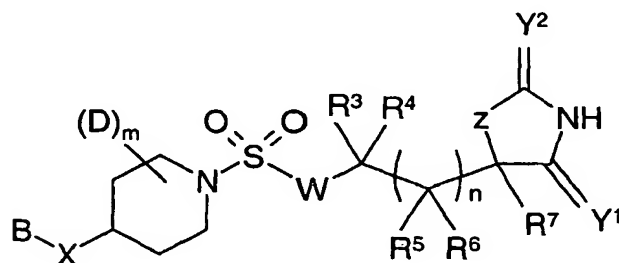
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(57) Abstract: Piperidine derivatives of formula (1) that are useful in the inhibition of metalloproteinases, in particular TNF- $\alpha$  converting Enzyme (TACE) and thus in the treatment of autoimmune disease, allergic/atopic diseases, transplant rejection, graft versus host disease, cardiovascular disease, reperfusion injury and malignancy.